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Letter dated 5 May 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey on the Gaza-Jericho Agreement signed at Cairo on 4 May 1994 (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 40 of the preliminary list.

(Signed) İnal BATU
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Statement issued on 5 May 1994 by the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey

The Agreement, signed yesterday at Cairo, which stipulates the modalities of the establishment of the autonomous Palestinian Administration in the Gaza Strip and Jericho has opened a new chapter in the Middle East peace process.

Turkey, represented at the signing ceremony by its Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Hikmet Çetin, welcomes this historical Agreement and congratulates the Israeli and Palestinian leadership whose persistent policies assured this successful outcome. Turkey commends the contributions of the United States of America and the Russian Federation, co-sponsors of the peace process, who have spared no effort to help the parties overcome the obstacles that occurred during the negotiations. The endeavours of the Arab Republic of Egypt and its President, His Excellency Mr. Hosni Mubarak, who contributed to the conclusion of this Agreement, are also to be recalled with appreciation.

Turkey, which has always deployed every effort for the achievement of peace and stability in the region, is firmly dedicated to continuing its contributions to the peace process within the context of its good relations with all the parties.